

LITTLE PENNESSEWASSEE POND

(Hobbs Pond) Norway Twp., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. Norway, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout Brook trout Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Yellow perch

Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Hornpout (bullhead) Redbreast sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 96 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 79°F

Maximum depth - 31 feet

30 feet - 46°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow smelt, smallmouth bass

Little Pennessewassee is a small pond, and its predominantly rocky shoreline is heavily developed. In spite of its limited size, it is quite popular among local anglers due largely to its easy accessibility. This water is managed for both cold and warmwater fish species.

Hobbs Pond thermally stratifies during the summer months, and an oxygen deficiency develops. However, a band of cool, oxygenated water exists that is suitable for salmonids. Brook trout and brown trout are stocked annually to maintain these fisheries. Heavy competition limits brook trout growth and survival, but spring stocking provides a short-term fishery. In addition, a small number of larger brook trout are stocked each fall for winter anglers. The brown trout fishery provides some quality fishing, fish up to 5 pounds are occasionally taken. A sizable smelt population offers forage for some of the larger game fish and provides a popular hand line fishery during the winter.

Smallmouth bass also demonstrate good growth and quality sized fish are commonly caught.

A state sponsored canoe or car-top boat access is located at the picnic area off Rte, 118.

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